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Deputy Chief William T. Ashton
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Dear Deputy Chief Ashton:

Please except my sincere apology for the inordinate delay in responding to your October 6, 2005 letter. In your letter you ask if it is the intent of 527 CMR 1.06(2) to require a permit when repairs are performed on any automatic fire protection system.

The Board has formulated the following response:

Repairs or modifications to a system, which involve the replacement in kind of system components does not require a permit as provided in 527 CMR 1.06(2). The Board considers "replacement in kind" to be a replacement which meets the design specifications of the fire protection system.

The Board also notes that in certain circumstances, other permits may be required
Sincerely,

David P. Demers, PE
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